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SUBJECT: REPORT, WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS,

SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION DISCRIMINATION

AND PROTECTION MINORITIES

1. SUMMARY: SUB-COMMISSION WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS COMPLETED TASK OF EXAMINING NEARLY 10,000 DOCUMENTS AND AGREED CITE BRAZIL, CHILE, CUBA, INDONESIA, ISRAEL, UGANDA, AND VIETNAM FOR "CONSISTENT AND RELIABLY ATTESTED" HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. WORKING GROUP PURSUANT TO ECOSOC RES. 1503 MET NEW YORK CITY FROM 22 JULY TO 2 AUGUST, 1974 FOR THIRD ANNUAL SESSION. MEMBERS WERE H. GROS ESPIELL (URUGUAY) CHAIRMAN/RAPPORTEUR; S. PIRZADA, (PAKISTAN); E.K. SIHYIAMAH (GHANA) S.M. SMIRNOV (USSR) AND BEVERLY CARTER, APPOINTED BY SUB-COMMISSION CHAIRMAN A. KHALIFA (EGYPT) TO REPLACE THE AILING MRS. GUESTIAUX OF FRANCE.

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EM WORKING GROUP (WG) CONSIDERED MONTLY LISTS OF COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVED BY SYG SINCE LAST SESSION OF WG AND REPLIES FROM GOVERNMENTS.

IN ADDITION WG CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL LISTS OF COMMUNICATIONS WHICH IT HAD ALREADY CONSIDERED IN 1973 PURSUANT TO PARA FIVE OF SUB-COMMISSION CLOSED MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1973.

4. IN ALL, WG LOOKED AT 9,134 COMMUNICATIONS-UP FROM 7,449 INTO MASS COMMUNICATIONS CATEGORY. THE NUMBER OF EXTENSIVE COMMUNICATIONS,

SOMETIME CONSISTING OF HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF DOCUMENTATION, LARGER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THIS YEAR THERE WERE 146 REPLIES FROM 23 GOVERNMENTS.

5. THE WG CITED THE FOLLOWING:

A) INDONESIA (UNANIMOUS)

B) UGANDA (FOUR IN FAVOR, ONE ABSTENTION-SMIROV)

C) BRAZIL (MAJORITY)

D) CHILE (UNANIMOUS)

CUBA(THREE TO TWO)

NO REPLIES WERE RECEIVED FROM ANY OF THE GOVERNMENTS. SOUTH VIETNAM ALSO CITED FOUR TO ONE (SMIRNOV), THOUGH THE WG NOTED THAT SOUTH VIETNAM NOT A MEMBER STATE OF UN. DISPOSITION OF SOUTH VIETNAM CITATION TO BE DETERMINED BY SUB-COMMISSION AND HRC.

6. ON ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 13 OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HR(FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT) MENTIONED IN 1973 WG REPORT AND WHICH CARRIED OVER THIS YEAR AWAITING GOVERNMENT REPLIES, THERE NO REPLIES AND GROUP DECIDED BY FOUR TO ONE (CARTER) NOT TO SUBMIT THESE COMMUNICATIONS TO SUB-COMMISSION. WG FELT THESE CASES DID NOT FULFILL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSIBILITY AND CONSISTANT PATTERN OF GROSS AND RELIABLY ATTESTED VIOLATIONS.

7. IN REVIEWING ANOTHER SECTION OF LAST YEAR'S REPORT THE WG VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CITE ISRAEL TO SUB-COMMISSION AND FROM THIS YEAR'S CASES AGAIN VOTED TO CITE ISRAEL, FOUR TO ONE (CARTER). FIRST CITATION (FROM LAST YEAR) ALLEGES WOMEN POLITICAL PRISONERS BEING DETAINED UNDER "INHUMAN CONDITIONS," AND SECOND COMPLAINT ALLEGES PALESTINIAN WORKERS TORTURED AND DETAINED UNDER INHUMAN CONDITIONS BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

8. COMMENT: MEETINGS WENT FORWARD IN BUSINESS-LIKE MANNER WITH AMIN-CONFIDENTIAL

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IMUM OF ACRIMONY WHICH SAID TO HAVE CHARACTERIZED PRIOR SESSIONS. CREDIT FOR SMOOTH FUNCTIONING LARGELY DUE CHARIRMANSHIP GROS-ESPIELL AND MORE REASONABLE ATTITUDE SERGEY SMIRNOV. I MUST EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP AND MY INDEPENDENT POSITION ON SUB-COMMISSION AND CAUTION READERS THIS MESSAGE, AGAINST FURTHER DISSEMINATION. THIS FYI ONLY. END COMMENT.

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